



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG**



HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

I cannot emphasize enough how proud I am of the San Diego community's response to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina who have come to San Diego to recover and perhaps relocate.

Many individuals, churches, organizations, City government and County government departments have joined together in a cooperative and collaborative effort to address the many needs of the individuals and families currently residing in San Diego. As of today there are over 750 Hurricane Katrina survivors in our city and county. More are expected to come. **The Red Cross has set up a Family Assistance Center at 4579 Mission Gorge Place.** There you will find several agencies providing services for the survivors including: All Congregations Together, Catholic Charities, City of San Diego Housing Commission, County of San Diego Health and Social Services, County Housing Commission, FEMA, Employment Development Department, Metropolitan Transit Services, Neighborhood House Association, Salvation Army, San Diego Workforce Partnership, San Diego Urban League, Union of Pan Asian Communities, several churches and faith based organizations and many other agencies.

Despite the services offered by these agencies there remains a need for housing assistance, transportation assistance, jobs, food vouchers (gift certificates for local restaurants), and other services. Please go to the Family Assistance Center to offer any services or resources you have at your disposal or contact my office at (619) 236-6644 to help you facilitate your offer of assistance with the Family Assistance Center.

I will continue to advocate for cooperative and collaborative services here in San Diego. Now is not the time to blame or criticize. Therefore, if you hear of a survivor or survivor family not getting assistance, please contact me or my Chief of Staff immediately at (619) 236-7015. We will ensure that they get the assistance they need.

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